

House Resolution 980

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th, Stephenson of the 92nd, and Mumford of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Bishop Jim Earl Swilley, founder of Church in the Now; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bishop Jim Earl Swilley acknowledged his call to the ministry at an early age
3 and, since then, has proclaimed the gospel in song, ministry, and prayer throughout the
4 United States and many foreign countries; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in May of 1985, he founded Church in the Now, and, through his leadership and
6 that of his wife, Pastor Debye Swilley, this cutting edge, multicultural, interdenominational
7 church is powerfully impacting its community and beyond via television, streaming video,
8 and covenant ministries with a life-changing message of restoration, the nowness of God, and
9 a progressive vision for the future; and
- 10 WHEREAS, new outreach ministries include a million dollar teen facility; Street Jam, a
11 mobile "church on wheels" that provides community cookouts, holiday meals, Christmas
12 gifts, back-to-school supplies, and a positive message of hope to underprivileged
13 communities; and projects committed to reaching individuals in state prisons, county jails,
14 and state-wide youth development centers; and
- 15 WHEREAS, on May 20, 2007, Church in the Now will celebrate its 22nd anniversary and
16 will celebrate the first anniversary of its newly built sanctuary in Conyers, Georgia, its over
17 102,000 square foot facility, which includes a 2,800 seat sanctuary, executive and
18 administrative offices, children's education department, and media center.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize Bishop Jim Earl Swilley for his excellent foresight and
21 leadership and congratulate him on the 22nd anniversary of the Church in the Now and the
22 second anniversary of the church's new sanctuary.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Jim Earl Swilley.